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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method of reconciling component variables with container variables in a document, comprising:
 - identifying component variables in a component;
 - for each of ~~these~~ the component variables, determining if there is a container variable in said container that refers to a same domain concept; and
 - if an identification is determined occurs, associating said component variable in the component with said container variable in the container;
 - identifying a link expression of said component variable; and
 - determining whether the link expression can be identified with an element in a domain model of the document.
2. (Canceled).
3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said determining uses an automatic reconciliation algorithm to find a best identity match.
4. (Original) The method according to claim 3, wherein said best identity match comprises a direct match.
5. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 3,
 - wherein, with said best identity match found to said element in said domain model, the component variable in the component is linked with the associated variable in the domain model.

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6. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 5, further comprising:

when ~~once~~ the link is made, the component variable in the component ~~assumes~~ ~~assuming~~
a value of the container variable in the containing document and the component variable is
positioned in the document with the new value.
7. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein said identifying matches
the component variable of the component to the domain model elements to find the best match.
8. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said identifying is performed
interactively by a user.
9. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein said component variable
in the component is interactively displayed adjacent to a representation of an element of the
domain model of the containing document.
10. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein a plurality of component
variables in the component are interactively displayed adjacent to a representation of elements of
the domain model of the containing document.
11. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said identifying
comprises actuating, by a user, a component variable in the component and interactively
matching the component variable to an element of the domain model.

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12. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein said identifying is performed by said user for each component variable in the component.

13. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein said user interactively determines whether the values to be assigned to the variables, once matched, should be the value in the containing document or the value in the imported component when said imported component has a value.

14. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein said automatic reconciliation automatically determines that a the value to be assigned to the variable, once matched, is the value in the containing document.

15. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein a said user, through a graphic user interface (GUI), identifies an association between said component variable and a domain model element.

16. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein a said user interactively selects a container value.

17. (Currently amended) A method of automatically reconciling component variables with container variables in a document, comprising:

identifying component variables in a component;

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for each of ~~these~~ the component variables, determining if there is a container variable in said container that refers to a same domain concept; and

if an identification is determined ~~occurs~~, associating said component variable in said component with the container variable in said container.

18. (Original) A method of interactively reconciling component variables with container variables in a document, comprising:

displaying a component variable next to a representation of an element in a domain model of the document;

identifying an association between the component variable and said element in the domain model; and

matching said element of said domain model interactively by a user.

19. (Currently amended) A system for reconciling component variables with container variables in a document relative to a domain model, comprising:

a container including a plurality of container variables;

a component including having a plurality of component variables in said [[a]] document;

and

a reconciler that maps container ~~for mapping~~ variables in said container, with component variables in said component.

20. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 19~~17~~, wherein said reconciler is manually controlled by a said user, to perform a said mapping.

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21. (Original) The system according to claim 19, further comprising:
a controller for automatically controlling said reconciler to perform said mapping.
22. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 19, wherein if the component variable in the component includes has a value, then no swapping is performed by said reconciler.
23. (Original) The system according to claim 19, wherein said component includes a plurality of alternative choices for being mapped by said reconciler.
24. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 19, wherein when said component variables in said document include have a value and said reconciler is in an on-state, said reconciler reconciles said component variables in said document with said container variables these in said container.
25. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 19, wherein said components are built from a same domain model and wherein said container variables in said container are reconciled with said component variables these in said components.
26. (Withdrawn) A system for importing document components, comprising:
an archive for storing a plurality of document components;

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a container assembly for storing at least one of said plurality of document components;
and

a connector for linking document components stored in said container assembly to
document components stored in said archive,

wherein said document components are imported to said container assembly from said
archive.

27. (Withdrawn) A system for importing document components, as claimed in claim 26,
wherein said document components contain variables and said container assembly contains
variables.

28. (Withdrawn) The system for importing document components, as claimed in claim 26,
wherein said connector links a variable in a source document component to a variable in said
container assembly.

29. (Withdrawn) The system for importing document components, as claimed in claim 28,
wherein said variable in said source document resides in a document component template.

30. (Withdrawn) The system for importing document components, as claimed in claim 28,
wherein said connector uses a reconciliation algorithm to link said components.

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31. (Withdrawn) The system for importing document components, as claimed in claim 10, wherein said reconciliation algorithm links a variable in said source document component to a variable in said container assembly when said variable represents a same domain concept.

32. (Withdrawn) The system for importing document components, as claimed in claim 10, wherein the linkage between source document variables and assembly container variables can be altered by a user.

33. (Currently amended) A system for reconciling component variables with container variables in a document, comprising:

means for identifying component variables in a component;

means for determining, for each of said component variables, if there is a container variable in said container that refers to a same domain concept; and

means, if an identification is determined occurs, for associating said component variable in said component with said container variable in the container;

means for identifying a link expression of said component variable; and

means for determining whether the link expression can be identified with an element in a domain model of the document.

34. (Currently amended) A signal-bearing medium tangibly embodying a program of machine readable instructions executable by a digital processing apparatus to perform a method of reconciling component variables with container variables in a document, comprising:

identifying component variables in a component;

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for each of said component variables, determining if there is a container variable in the container that refers to a same domain concept; and

if an identification is determined occurs, and associating the component variable in the component with the container variable in the container;

identifying a link expression of said component variable; and

determining whether the link expression can be identified with an element in a domain model of the document.

35. (Original) A signal-bearing medium tangibly embodying a program of machine readable instructions executable by a digital processing apparatus to perform a method of interactive reconciling component variables with container variables in a document, said method comprising:

displaying a component variable next to a representation of an element in a domain model of the document;

identifying an association between the component variable and said element in the domain model; and

matching said element of said domain model interactively by a user.

36. (Withdrawn) A signal-bearing medium tangibly embodying a program of machine readable instructions executable by a digital processing apparatus to perform a method of importing document components, said method comprising:

storing a plurality of document components in an archive;

inputting a selection parameter for a variable of said document components;

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searching said archive for said variable using said selection parameter;
creating a connector for mapping said variable in said archive to a variable in a container assembly;
importing a document component from said archive with said mapped variable;
storing at least one of said plurality of document components received during said importing process in a container assembly; and
reconciling said imported mapped variable from said archive to said variable in said container assembly.

37. (Withdrawn) A method for importing document components comprising:
inputting selection parameters for variables of document components;
searching an archive for source document variables using said selection parameters;
creating a connector for mapping said source document variables to variables in a container assembly;
importing source document components with said mapped variables; and
reconciling said source document variables with said variables in a container assembly.